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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE ARMY UNITS TO BE TRAINED ON TAIWAN

1. CGS GEN. LAI TOLD CHIEF MAAG JUNE 30 THAT SINGAPORE ARMY UNITS WOULD ARRIVE ON TAIWAN SOON FOR TRAINING. UNITS WILL BE OF BATTALION SIZE FROM SINGAPORE ARMOR, ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY UNITS. PLANS ARE TO ROTATE PERSONNEL ABOUT EVERY THREE WEEKS, BUT LEAVE HEAVY EQUIPMENT IN PLACE AT TRAINING SITES. ROC DOES NOT PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING. TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON TAIWAN BECAUSE SINGAPORE DOES NOT POSSESS ADEQUATE MANEUVERING AREA. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT UNITS HAVE ARRIVED AS YET.

2. SINGAPORE AIR UNITS ALSO FIND TRAINING IN SINGAPORE AREA DIFFICULT, BU GEN. LAI SAID THERE IS NO PLAN TO BRING SINGAPORE AIR UNITS TO TAIWAN FOR TRAINING AT THIS TIME. (ROCAF PILOTS WHO WENT TO FLY WITH SINGAPORE AIR FORCE IN 1973-74 ARE APPARENTLY STILL THERE.)

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